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SETTING SAIL: Members of the Class of 2012 show off their new schools on College T-Shirt Day. This fall, the 117 graduating seniors will be heading to 54 universities, 20 of which are the destinations of two or more students. See page 14 for a full list of matriculation.

What a ride

Looking back on the Class of 2012's experience on the Hill

By David Arteaga
and Scott Dalton

As fellow members of the Class of 2012, the team of Arteaga and Dalton realize that their time has now ended. In an effort to preserve our memory a few minutes longer, we hope you will read this article to allow you to peer inside our respective souls and shenanigans at MBA.

While we certainly had our fair share of time spent in trouble, doing 'bad stuff', and simply being voted worst kids in the class four years in a row, we realize that most of our stories can't be subjected to print. But we can tell you stories from

inside the nerd lair...where we actually spent most of our time in high school.

While most of you don't share a passion for fine literature, excellent clothing, and studying that both of us do, we are proud to say that common ground for this class exceeds far beyond the tangible such as Super Smash Bros and Daniel Tosh (exception: Blair hates Tosh).

To our fellow seniors in the Class of 2012, we will try our best to avoid all cliches and hackneyed phrases to describe our time on The Hill, but we can say that we are proud to be associated with each and every one of you in a brotherhood that can't be broken, recreated or bought.

Despite the fact that we only won two state championships in sports, we made an incredible impact on the arts (including Endada) and led the school further in academics.

We are proud to see almost all of you receive diplomas today and salute you as you do so. We look forward to re-uniting at our class reunions to see what remarkable accomplishments you have all achieved, but more importantly, we're bringing the Cube and playing some Super Smash Bros.

How we will determine who brings it is difficult to say..."nose goes?"

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Tennis pulls off state three-peat

By Anthony Swenson
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, May 23, the MBA Tennis team clinched its third consecutive TSSAA State Championship, defeating MUS 4-1. Led by Senior Palmer Campbell ('12), MBA defeated MUS 4-1. Campbell defeated his opponent 6-4, 6-4, clinching the team's victory in his final tennis match for the Big Red. Kalyan Chadavada ('14) and Andrew Graham ('14) won their singles matches as well. In doubles, the team of Mark Lowe ('13) and Andrew Karpos ('13) clinched the doubles point winning 9-7. Graham and Chadavada won their doubles match as well.

This win marked MBA Tennis' first three-peat. Karpos said that the team was able to win because, "we had a lot of

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School plans new China exchange

By Andrew Karpos
Staff Writer

As soon as next year, the MBA international exchange program could add China to its lengthening list of countries, which now includes Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and England. Headmaster Brad Gioia and first-year Chinese teacher Ying Zhang are currently working on establishing this program.

Mr. Gioia was inspired to create the new exchange because of "the importance of China on the world stage and the value of sending students taking Chinese to China." He later approached Mrs. Zhang to see if she would aid him in setting up this connection with a Chinese school.

Mr. Gioia and Mrs. Zhang then began the process of deciding with which

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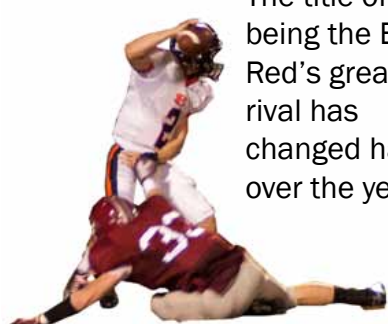
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THROUGH THE TAPE: Keith Gambill ('14) outruns his competitors to win the Van Webb Memorial Founders Day Race for the Class of 2014. Gambill cited race course changes, necessitated by construction, as a factor in his victory.

Gambill ('14) sprints to Founder's Day glory

By Eric Anderson
Staff Writer

Sophomore Keith Gambill ('14) emerged victorious in a running of the Van Webb Memorial Founder's Day Race altered by recent campus changes, but not lacking in the traditional excitement and outpouring of class pride.

Van Webb, MBA graduate and nephew of the current chairman of the MBA Board, who unfortunately died of cancer while a student at Vanderbilt, played football and ran track for the Big Red. Each year, in remembrance of Van and his importance to the track team, one representative from each high school class runs a race around the quad, mimicking a similar scene in the movie "Chariots of Fire."

Due to the construction of the new Wallace Hall, the course changed its starting and finishing position this year.

The usual start from the gate at the football stadium changed to a closer start near the back entrance of the Carter building. Also, the finish line was moved forward a few yards to avoid the runners hitting the construction wall.

With this adjustment, Keith Gambill said, "I think taking out that extra turn next to the construction site worked to my advantage." Since the race became shorter, it became more of a sprint than a test of endurance compared to years past.

The senior class was represented by Roe Moore ('12), the juniors by Cade Hooper ('13) and the freshmen by Tobi Kehinde ('15).

As usual, the race began on the third strike of the bell at 10 o'clock. Once the runners got off the line, Keith made a dash to the outside, a risky, but ultimately rewarding move. Cutting to the outside allowed a less severe turn and gave him the lead. As the runners passed the Ball

Building, Keith maintained the lead, with Roe and Cade running closely behind.

When they got to the turn at the end of the Ball Building, Cade Hooper's shirt was torn in half by Roe Moore in a desperate attempt to take the lead. Keith remarked: "I felt really lucky that Roe took out Cade. Without that, I don't think I would have won."

Once again, Keith went wide on the final turn, where many times the race is won or lost. He won by a decent margin, with Cade and Tobi in second and third. A sudden mob of sophomores came to congratulate Keith on his victory. Fellow sophomore Ben Yahnian ('14) gave Keith a well-deserved "bro hug" for defeating the rest of the field.

Next year's juniors will have to choose wisely in order to defend their title. Until then, they can savor the taste of victory.

Gioia, Zhang to visit China, set up exchange

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Chinese high school it would be best to have an exchange. Mrs. Zhang explained that they looked for schools which "have strong academics, extensive international exchange, and are overall representative of the Chinese educational system."

It was decided that Beijing would be the best place to start their search because it is the "political and cultural center of China." The list of possible schools has been narrowed to several top institutions in China's capital.

This summer Mr. Gioia and Mrs. Zhang will be visiting Beijing to try to solidify an exchange program with one of these schools.

While there, they hope to "inspect the schools and develop personal contacts for MBA, its students, and their families." This trip will hopefully lead to an exchange being available by the summer of 2013.

An exchange with China could offer innumerable benefits to MBA and its students. After listening to her students who went to China on the Wilson Language Grants talk about the connection they developed with the people they met in China and the way their trips affected their perception of the country as a whole, Mrs. Zhang "realized how important and beneficial going to another country and immersing oneself in its language and culture at a young age can be."

Similarly, Mr. Gioia feels that this exchange will foster "a firsthand understanding of China and its educational practices, as well as a greater appreciation for Chinese culture."

Board approves tuition, budget for 2012-2013 school year

By Aaron Kaplan
Staff Writer

The tuition for the 2012-2013 school year will be \$21,250. This sum represents a 4.04% increase from this school year's tuition, which was \$20,425.

For all of our accomplishments in the classroom and on the field, we each individually feel a sense of satisfaction in benefiting from our hard work and effort. These accomplishments, however, come with a price tag—tuition. The \$21,250 that you will pay to attend MBA starting in August will be worth much less, though, than the experiences and education that this institution offers.

Every year, starting in late fall, Mr. Samuel Jackson, MBA's director of finance and operations, works with Headmaster Gioia to develop an appropriate budget for the following school year. The Board of Trustees and its finance committee evaluate their proposals before approving

or adjusting them at the January Board meeting each year.

While the tuition for next school year has increased by 4.04% (\$825) from the year before, this increase is in fact surprisingly low. Each year, tuition must increase to account for rising healthcare prices, rising gas prices, utilities and other costs of this sort.

In terms of year-specific reasons for the price increase, Mr. Jackson said that the small increase reflects the growing use of technology, the need for maintenance and custodial work in the new buildings and the growing student and faculty body for which to provide. Interestingly, tuition money does not go towards the new construction projects such as Lowry and the new dining hall themselves. Only some of the tuition revenue will contribute to paying off the interest on MBA's loan for those projects.

The new buildings also will cost the school more money in utility bills.

These buildings are and will be much more energy-efficient than Wallace Hall, meaning that MBA's spending on energy, etc. will be much more effective. The sizes of the buildings, however, will result in an overall larger utility bill.

Tuition provides for about 80% of the school's spending budget, with the other 20% being accounted for by annual giving and earnings from the endowment. Faculty salaries and benefits cost 60-70% of the school's spending budget, with the rest of the budget used to pay for utilities, supplies, maintenance, and technology, to name a few examples.

The school pays both Sage Dining Services (food service) and Trust Building Services (custodial service) for their work on campus. Those two companies are contracted and manage their own budgets within the money amount they are paid by MBA.

MBA places a large emphasis on keeping the tuition low. In fact, the tuition

4.04%

the percentage increase
of tuition for next year

increases over the past three years are among the lowest in Middle Tennessee. MBA's tuition is less expensive than those of Harpeth Hall and Ensworth, and the school's average tuition increase spanning the 1992-1993 school year to the 2012-2013 school year is 6.81%, meaning that MBA will have had seven years of tuition percent increase below this average value.

MBA has remained successfully in line with the budget this year and hopes to continue this financial balance.

Senior Class Trip



COURTESY OF MR. WILL NORTON

ON A BOAT: Will Narramore ('12), Alex Kohls ('12) and Austin Blackwell ('12) kayak across the lake at Long Mountain. On Monday, April 23, the senior class had the opportunity to skip classes and spend a day at the scenic property in Warren County.

Students excel on language exams

By Christian Sargent
Staff Writer

Every year MBA participates in several national language competitions, flexing its linguistic muscles.

In the National Spanish Exam, there were 37 students receiving gold awards. Conner Griffin ('13) ranked in the 99th national percentile and Davis Lovvorn ('14) scored eighth in Tennessee in Spanish I, Diego Martínez ('15) scored third in Spanish II (Bilingual), Jake Macey ('13) scored seventh in Spanish III, Barry Goldsmith ('13) scored in the 99th percentile nationally for Spanish IV and David Arteaga ('12) took first in Tennessee in Spanish IV (Outside Experience).

In the National German Exam, Joseph Robinson ('12) and Braden Welborn ('14) both won Gold awards, placing in the 94th and 92nd percentile, respectively. Chris Habermann ('13) placed second out of 154 competitors in the state, leaving him in the 99th percentile nationally, and Marshall Sorenson ('12) scored in the 95th national percentile.

In the National French Contest, Ben Yahnian ('14) scored sixth and Michael Piana ('13) ninth nationally in French II. In French III, Lucas Littlejohn ('13) finished seventh. Baker Swain ('12) finished seventh and Rob Edwards ('12) eleventh in French IV.

Civil War novel selected as all-school read

By Matt Miccioli
Staff Writer

Breaking a recent trend of non-fiction works, Shelby Foote's "Shiloh," a historical fiction novel set at the 1862 Battle of Shiloh, will be the upcoming all-school read.

Through a first-person viewpoint, the novel chronicles seven soldiers fighting near Pittsburg Landing, providing insight into the bloody details of what is considered one of the major battles of the Civil War.

The soldiers are able to shed light on the generals and their decisions, as well as display the confusion and chaos of combat. However, there is minimal characterization, with the soldiers being used by Foote only as instruments for narration.

With the selection process having always been surrounded by an air of secrecy and mysticism, Mr. Haywood Moxley, head of the English department, was able to explain the situation: "For a few years we used a committee of teachers and students to discuss books and then decide on the all-school read. One year, in

an attempt to garner more student input, we put the decision to a student vote among three choices."

This democratic process was moderately successful, but, in recent years, a variation upon the old model has been adopted. "Mr. Gioia, with input from various teachers, parents, and students, has considered appropriate titles," said Mr. Moxley. "We then decide together which book might be the most interesting and meaningful for us to read as a school."

Mr. Moxley first discovered Shelby Foote in a course in college, in which he read Foote's famous "The Civil War: A Narrative." After realizing that 2012 is the sesquicentennial (150th anniversary) of the Battle of Shiloh, he proposed the idea to history department chair Dr. Clay Bailey, saying "it seemed like the kind of book a Tennessee boys school should have on its reading list. I liked it a lot—turning a battle into a story, instead of a lesson."

Dr. Bailey, also hoping for a historical book due to the sesquicentennial, was thrilled with the proposition, commenting that the novel is historically very accurate and gives the reader a window into how wars affect the individual lives of

soldiers, much like last year's selection, "Unbroken."

However, both Dr. Bailey and librarian Mr. Robbie Quinn expressed slight concerns that recreating the excitement of "Unbroken" and Mr. Louie Zamperini's campus visit may be more difficult for "Shiloh" since Foote is now deceased.

The historical tie-ins, the battle scenes and the short length, already making the book popular with the faculty and staff, should make the book popular with everyone. Dr. Bailey commented, "While 'Unbroken' is focused on an individual's heroic story, 'Shiloh' is a contrast, centered on a battle."

In fact, in the selection process, few other works were suggested, and with "Shiloh" being so strongly received, no others were given much serious consideration.

One potential issue is that "Shiloh," being sixty years old, may be challenging to acquire, possibly turning many readers to electronic copies. Mr. Quinn commented that ".pdf files of the book may be had for free at archives.org."

New process aims to discourage course dropping

By Davis Lovvorn
Staff Writer

Starting next year, the school will make it more difficult for a student to "drop down" from a higher-level to a lower-level course.

"MBA students will no longer be able to change levels whenever they want to," said Dr. Rick Seay, Director of the High School. "Beginning with the next academic school year, students will only

be able to change a level after the first semester."

However, the new policy on course-dropping contains some elements from the current policy. "If a student has six courses, he may still drop a course up through the end of the 1st quarter without its appearing on his record. Changing levels is what won't be allowed until the semester's end."

Formerly, students were able to drop a course or change a level after the first few weeks of school.

Students and parents will no longer have the power to instigate the process, either. "Changing levels right now requires the department head's approval," said Dr. Seay. "In the fall, changes will be made only if the department head recommends it."

With the new process in place, the school anticipates a considerable reduction in the number of course changes.

Key card locks to be used on new Wallace

By Sam Weien
Business Manager

As students return from the winter break of 2012-13, they will eagerly want to take their first steps into New Wallace. But, they will not be getting in without their student ID cards.

Next year, an electronic key card system will be outfitted on the new Wallace building. This marks a significant step in making the campus more secure.

The idea was first proposed five years ago, when the new campus developments were in the initial stages. Planners envisioned that each student and faculty member would have an individual ID card.

The system will eventually expand further. According to Maintenance Director Mr. David Norton, "We are going to see if we can retrofit all buildings, and [if so] it would be on all buildings."

The system does more than shut doors. It allows the school to keep tabs on all students' entering and leaving buildings. Moreover, the ID cards, which would indicate attendance, library history and security, could be programmed to work only at certain times.

Administration highlights the system's security value. Said Mr. Norton, "[Key cards] would be most effective way of making the campus safe."

departing faculty

For some, retirement beckons. For others, new opportunities arise.

By Tarun Mallipeddi
Staff Writer

This summer, several MBA faculty members will be leaving the school for various reasons. Some will be moving away, some retiring, and some pursuing further education. The teachers who will be leaving the Hill after this school year are Mr. Eppstein, Mr. McIntosh, Mr. Mawae, and Mr. Sharbel, while Mrs. Kirby and Dr. Neergaard will be retiring.

Ending their careers

Long-time chemistry teacher Dr. Jon Neergaard, is retiring after 28 years at MBA, having decided that he did not want to teach next year. He will be staying in Nashville.



DR. NEERGAARD

With regard to his future plans, he simply said, "That's the future." He did, however, voice his passion for the guitar, as many have seen during his performances at assembly, and he wants to practice more to improve his skills. He also expressed interest in reading more, cleaning up his house and perhaps buying a boat.

He most admires the freedom of character at MBA. He is grateful that for the entire time he has been working at MBA, he has been able to be himself, and believes that there are not that many places where one can find that kind of freedom. He also has retained the weight room privileges, given to him by the headmaster, "in an attempt to become buff before I'm 70."

"I've enjoyed my time. I've enjoyed the students that I've gotten to know." He has loved interacting with so many people impressive in many different fields and he has taken away many good experiences and lessons from his 28-year career at MBA.

Mrs. Kirby, the alumni records manager and alumni office receptionist, will be leaving after 19 years of working on the Hill. She will still live in Brentwood and has no definite plans yet. However, she did express interest in increased volunteer work, involvement with her church, and more frequent reading.



MRS. KIRBY

She made the decision to retire just this year but plans on returning to visit with friends. She is also going to spend time with some teachers who have already retired.

Now that she is retiring, she plans to travel more and visit friends who live out of town. She might go to visit New Mexico and stay with her sister for a month. Additionally, she wants to foster some animals for the shelter, saying, "I'm a real animal person."

When asked how MBA changed her as an individual, she responded that MBA brought to her a whole new point of view concerning education, as she had come from the public school environment. She first noticed the dedication and compassion of the teachers to guide the students as a sign that MBA was a great place to thrive as an individual.

The friendships she made are far-reaching and will last a lifetime. Her main reservation as she considered retirement

was that she would be leaving behind so many friends. As with retired teachers, she will be coming back again and again to visit.

"Even after 19 years, when I get up in the morning and don't mind coming to work, it almost makes me feel like I've won the lottery," said Mrs. Kirby.

Changing course

Mr. Eppstein, a math teacher, will be leaving next year to pursue a master's degree in secondary education at Vanderbilt. As he put it, he is not really leaving as much as "evolving like a Pokémon." After his two-year program is completed, he may return to MBA to work or as a reincarnated student.

Mr. Eppstein believes that MBA has changed him greatly, making him a better teacher and also made him more knowledgeable than he originally wanted to be about "beasts," "swag" and Call of Duty. As he finished the interview, he said, "I would like to thank all of my fellow faculty and students and John Yoders (completely different category) for being part of the last 4 years of my life."

Kristine Yu, mother of Tony Ding ('16), has been hired as the new math teacher.

Mark McIntosh, the athletic trainer, will be going to a 27-month "physician's assistant" program at Trevecca Nazarene University after 5 years at MBA. Brandon Thornberry will be taking his role as head athletic trainer next year. Since Mr. McIntosh will still be in Nashville, he is going to make himself available to cover some sports events and looks forward to dropping in once in a while.

Mr. McIntosh feels that MBA has given him developed relationships and the

ability to help people. These relationships have impacted him and, he hopes, the guys as well. As he put it, "I want to say thanks to all the faculty and students here; I'm certainly going to miss all my time here."

Mr. Mawae, the dean of junior and senior classes and the offensive line coach, of the football team will be moving to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to be with his family. Both he and his wife attended LSU and have spent 18 years living away from their families. He plans on doing more traveling, watching more LSU games, and becoming more involved with his church.

Although he has only been working for MBA for about one and a half years (since last January), he believes that MBA has allowed him to see things in a new perspective. He parted with these words: "I appreciate all the faculty and students and the respect they afforded me. I will remember it for a long time."

Colonel Sharbel, the U.S. history teacher and the rifle team coach, will be moving to Pinehurst, North Carolina at the end of the month for a professional opportunity after 7 years at MBA. He will be the chief operations officer for a tactical equipment distribution company, and Mr. Lee Webb will assume most of his responsibilities.

Mr. Sharbel believes that MBA was a good opportunity to work with and develop young men for collegiate life, and he will return to visit. He also said to never say never in terms of returning in a professional capacity. He closed the interview with this statement: "I really appreciate the opportunity I've been given by the parents at MBA to work with their sons during the last 7 years and wish MBA all success in the future."

Bowman ('13) wins national accolades for novel plasma device

By John Mellow
co-News Editor

This May, Adam Bowman placed well in two national competitions, the Junior Sciences and Humanities Symposium (JSHS) in Washington, D.C. and the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Pittsburgh.

Bowman explored the operation of a dense plasma focus device, a device which creates a short burst of very hot and dense

plasma. By designing one that operates at low voltages, Bowman created a portable and user-friendly pulsed radiation source with many practical applications.

Competing against the top two representatives of each state at the JSHS, Bowman placed second in the physics category, winning an \$8,000 scholarship.

At the ISEF, which hosted approximately 1,600 competitors from nearly 60 countries, as well as an audience that included eight nobel laureates, Bowman placed fourth in

the physics category. He also received a first place award from the Office of Naval Research, which came with an \$8,000 prize, a first place award from the Air Force, and a second place award from the American Vacuum Society.

Each competition required Bowman to give oral presentations and then defend his project in front of a highly critical judging panel. In fact, the nerve-wracking judging process at ISEF last over eight hours. In the end, however, the judges were impressed by

Bowman's work.

Bowman has devoted much of the year to this project. He quipped, "For those who were dying to know but afraid to ask, this is what I do in my spare time." Certainly, a strong finish in both competitions and a total of \$23,000 in winnings is a well-deserved reward for his dedication, and he plans to keep competing in national competitions next year.



COURTESY OF CDR. CARR

TEAM BONDING: The juniors and seniors pose in their competition polo shirts. This year marked many of these students' third consecutive trip to the national tournament.

Science Olympiad team places 36th at national tournament

By Karthik Sastry
and Harry Stewart

On Saturday, May 19, the Big Red Scientists competed in the 2012 National Science Olympiad tournament at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. This year marked MBA's third consecutive and fourth overall appearance at the competition, to which it advanced by winning the state tournament in April.

Out of the 60 teams present, MBA placed 36th, improving upon its position from last year by only one place. Specific successes included finishing 8th in Thermodynamics (with Joe Scherrer ('12) and Chris Habermann ('13)), 11th in Helicopters (Sam Hurd ('14) and Hamilton Millwee ('13)) and 12th in Fermi Questions (Joe Scherrer ('12) and Hunter

Tidwell ('13)).

At the competition, the team members competed in a myriad of science-based activities, ranging from operating a homemade robotic hand to identifying distant astronomical objects. Overall scores are tabulated by taking the sum of placements across 23 events, in each of which two or three students participate; lower totals mean better placement.

For the second consecutive year, Solon High School (OH) won the high school division, edging out rival Troy High School (CA).

MBA's team will be losing many key senior contributors, but believes it retains enough talent to be the favorites at next year's state competition. A state victory would mean the team gets another shot at improving its national standing in 2013.

Civil War Seminar aims to take learning beyond classroom

By John Triplett
Staff Writer

In an attempt to extend the history department beyond the topics covered at school, MBA is hosting a seminar this summer on Civil War history called the Sesquicentennial Civil War Seminar.

The course is being offered this summer in recognition of the 150th anniversary of the year 1862, when many key events in the Civil War occurred in Tennessee. It will allow students to travel to many Civil War forts and historically significant places around Nashville and Tennessee over the course of a week.

The program will start on July 23 and is available to rising 9th- through 11th-graders who excel in history courses and are interested in the Civil War.

This opportunity is one that will provide an interesting and unusual way to study history outside the classroom and explore it as if it were a hobby and a curiosity.

Said Dr. Clay Bailey, head of the history department, "The seminar both this summer and over the next few years is an important part of the larger effort to draw students into the study of the Civil War and of history more broadly, not simply as a classroom subject but as a lifelong interest and even a calling or passion."

These Civil War seminars will continue for the next few summers,

focusing on succeeding years in the Civil War, emphasizing the Western Theatre and particularly Middle Tennessee.

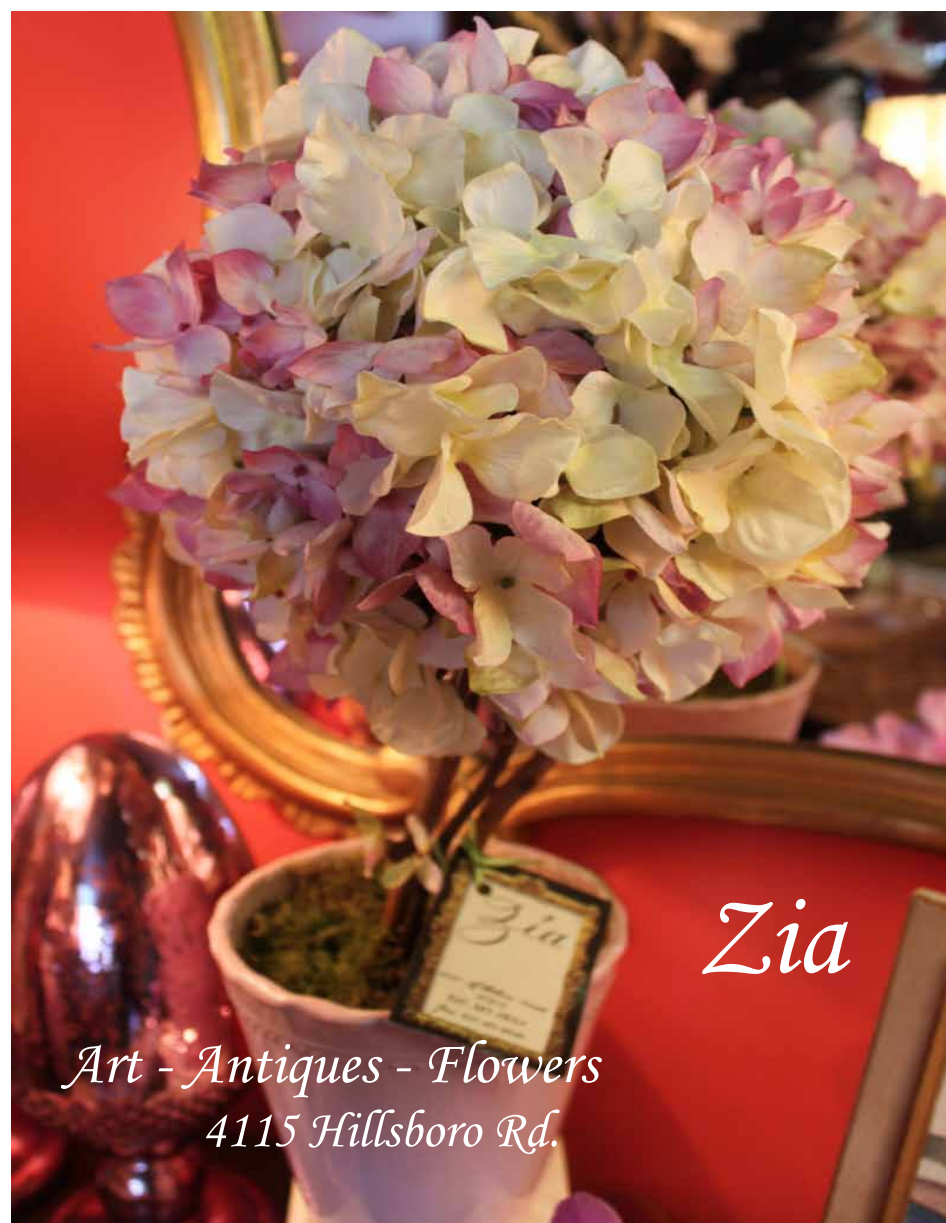
On different days of the expedition, the six to eight students participating in the experience will travel to various forts and battlefields around Tennessee, including Fort Negley, Fort Donelson, Fort Henry and Shiloh National Battlefield.

The group will also go to the State Archives and other places around Nashville, and they will listen to a few speakers ranging from someone from the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society to a Metro Historian.

While at these sites, the group will focus on many topics, such as General Grant's capture of Forts Henry and Donelson, the movement of the Union forces toward Nashville, the Battle of Shiloh and life as a Civil War soldier.

With the help of Mr. Barry McAlister, MBA's film instructor, the students will also learn how to manage the film equipment they will use throughout the week of trips and seminars. The video will be used as an entry in next year's Full Moon Film Festival.

After the last official day of the seminar, the members of the group will work in teams to meet deadlines to enter into National History Day and the Full Moon Film Festival, making public their newfound knowledge of the Civil War.



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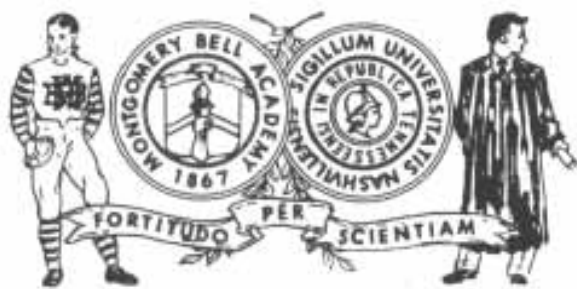
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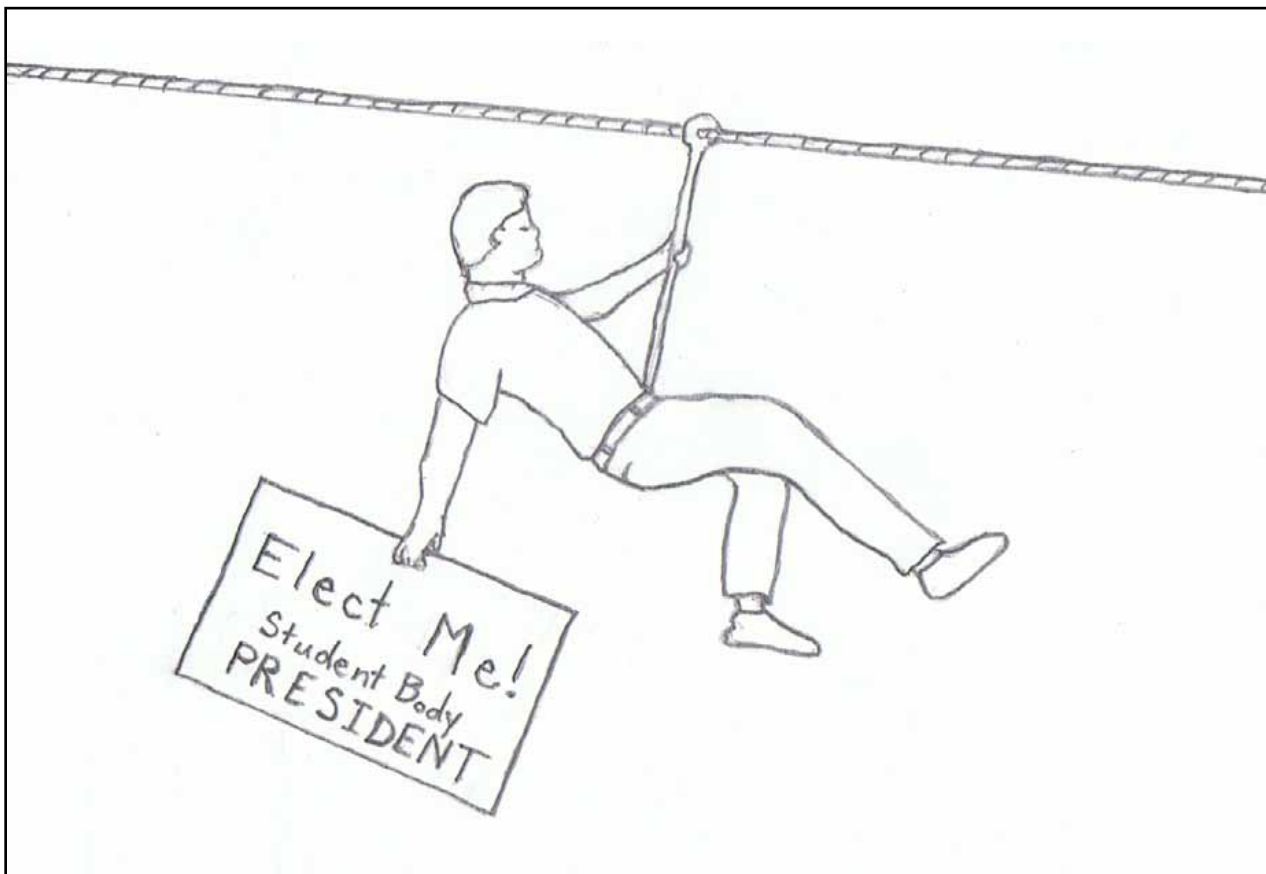
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Serious appeals can win elections

**By McKay Proctor
and John Mellow**

We have been promised ziplines between buildings. We have been promised shorts socks and long hair. We have been promised car bash after car bash after car bash. But where are our ziplines?

Student election season has long been a parade of speeches that aim for the lowest common denominator in each of us. For any given class, a dozen young men may stand before the students and make promises in jest and eclipse the hopes of more sober candidates—some of whom may have been more qualified or dedicated.

While the tangible power of student officers can be debated, they are our primary sounding board for new ideas and arbiters of change at their most powerful, and at the very least the representatives of our classes and school.

This is not to say that the election process should be treated like a powdered-wig and party-platform affair, but elections deserve some sort of respect. We are choosing the people we believe best represent us. The student body does not possess the ability to hire and fire or alter the curriculum, but these elections constitute our main opportunity to change the way the school is run. No matter how inconsequential in the eyes of cynics, the

process has at least some meaning.

That meaning manifested itself in the most recent election for student body president. With no offense at all intended to the other candidates, the most serious guy won. For once, someone who talked about conviction instead of banning pasta won the day. In Morris Eguakan the students chose someone who spoke from an authentic place of passion, someone who won his first position on the student council this spring because he gave us a refreshing perspective.

All too often clichés like “popularity contest” dominate not just the way elections play out, but the way we talk about them. Students may be afraid to express an opinion that goes against the grain. This election’s outcome, though, marked a rare intersection of the twin forces of student political fatigue and the candidate’s genuine emotion.

Amateur political pundits broke the election down in various ways. Some claimed the humorous speeches “split the vote,” but the message seems clear regardless: the student body wanted conviction over comedy. This election marks a step in the right direction whether this trend continues or not. Morris refused the all-too-common path of shooting for the best punch-line and gave us real emotion and commitment. The Student Body President was chosen for his heart.



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Lost amidst a sea of Brits

A student recounts his adventures at Eton College

By Robert Papel
Staff Exchange Student

England. The name resounds with hundreds of years of history, but for Americans we tend to think of the Revolutionary War and mad kings.

Recently, I was lucky enough to attend the English boarding school Eton College for the Lent term. As an American inserted into a very traditional, elite school like Eton, which has churned out nineteen prime ministers, celebrities like Bear Grylls and Hugh Laurie and both royal princes, I was stepping into a world older than the United States itself.

On my arrival to Eton, I was warmly welcomed into Manor House, known as TEJN to the Eton community. There are twenty-five houses at Eton, all known after the initials of the current house master. Manor House was the home of a variety of important people, including HRH Prince William and HRH Prince Harry.

Classes, or “divs,” as they are commonly known, started immediately. I was placed in US politics, English, history, American Civil War (at first, and then the French Revolution) and art.

Each “div” was 40 minutes long, and three days a week classes finished for the day at lunch. After lunch Etonians make their way to a variety of sport, including rowing, beagling (yes, running around with a pack of dogs) and the Eton Field Game, a sport unique to Eton that combines rugby and soccer. The Field Game is extremely complex, and though I played it multiple times, I never really understood the rules.

When comparing Eton and MBA, Eton wins for best schedule. I think most people on The Hill would love to get out after lunch (wishful thinking, I know). Etonians did have to attend class on Saturday mornings, plus chapel several days a week. Here, Etonians mostly sleep, or revert into that “I’m-up-way-too-early-to-be-wearing-a-full-tail-suit” stupor.

Probably one of the most distinguishing aspects of Eton is the uniform (another winning aspect). Etonians wear tails, and, yes, I mean a full-blown tail suit with pinstriped pants and shiny black shoes, not to mention the 19th-century style snap on collar. I was told that they used to require a top hat, but that went out of style in the 1940s due to the hardship of juggling books, a top hat and a gas mask at the same time. Personally, I think the tail suit is a great tradition.

As you get older at Eton, you have the chance of becoming House Captain, a prefect, or an assortment of other titles. Along with a title, one gets to wear a stick up collar (like what people wear to prom) and a white bowtie. Ah, such class. The hundreds of tourists that



COURTESY OF ROBERT PAPEL

IN THE COMPANY OF KINGS: Robert stands next to a statue of King Henry VI, who founded Eton College in 1440. The quadrangle is most familiar as the filming location for the famous race scene in “Chariots of Fire.”

pass through Eton every year are always amazed at the uniform, and if a student is out there alone, that boy will find himself the center of attention for literally dozens of cameras.

Throughout my stay in the UK, I was assaulted by a multitude of questions, from “why all Americans are so fat,” to “do Americans really party with red cups like they do in ‘American Pie?’” The former question was never asked in an offensive style, but after a while I gave up getting defensive, carefully explaining that the stereotype was not always true. For the latter question, I would direct the asker to Toby Keith’s “Red Solo Cup,” and tell them, “Yes, that is the ‘Murican style.”

Another big question was “do you like England better than America?” to which I always replied with a chorus of the most famous song in “Team America.”

Though England is amazing and welcoming, I always had that “no place like home” feeling every time I was asked about America. After all, we are “#1.” (This is the attitude that the Europeans hate in us the most, coincidentally, as pointed out by one Tom Gould, an Etonian who attended MBA for a few weeks earlier in the spring).

Overall, I would like to say that the entire experience was amazing and that I would recommend everyone to apply for an exchange, whether it be to Eton or the plethora of options those of us on The Hill have.

I would like to profoundly thank Mr. Gioia, Mrs. Warner and all others who made it possible here in the US, and also Mr. Nolan, Mr. Oliphant-Callum and all those in the UK who made my stay enjoyable overseas. “Florete Etonae” and “Fortitudo Per Scientiam.”

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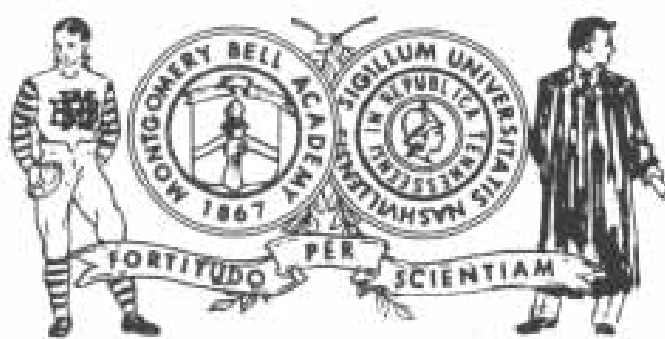
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the presidents

Four students who will hold powerful positions on campus discuss their plans for next year.



Morris Eguakun
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

Bell Ringer: Who or what inspired you to run for this position?

Morris Eguakun: My mom, peers and classmates recommended that I do it; also, my brother, Matthew Waller, who passed away on April 1, 2012.

BR: What facet of your personality adds the most to your leadership ability?

ME: I feel that I can relate to many other people at MBA.

BR: What other extracurricular activities are you involved in?

ME: Football, wrestling, track, and service.

BR: What is your favorite thing about MBA?

ME: The versatility, the variety of things we can do here.

BR: If you could change one thing about the school, what would it be?

ME: A couple extra minutes to get to class

since Lowry is so far away.

BR: What are the school-wide goals for the student council next year?

ME: To bring forth the ideas of the students and to incorporate the junior school into the school as a whole.

BR: How will you be able to involve the whole school in the decision-making process?

ME: I'll just talk to people and write down ideas. And if everyone brings ideas to me, I'll be able to convey them to the administration.

BR: Favorite lunch day?

ME: Chicken patties.

BR: Coke or Pepsi?

ME: Coke.

BR: Favorite movie of all time?

ME: "Friday Night Lights."



McKay Proctor
SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

Bell Ringer: Who or what inspired you to run for this position?

McKay Proctor: My desire to fill this role comes from how much I love the guys in my class. There are so many people in our class that inspire awe in me daily – people that are incredibly intelligent or athletic or artistic, and I want to be president to serve them.

BR: What facet of your personality adds the most to your leadership ability?

MP: I think my energy and enthusiasm are what make me a good president. My job can be a lot of cheerleading. It takes getting excited about all the things going on in the class both big and small and my energy helps with that more than anything else.

BR: What other extracurricular activities are you involved in?

MP: Debate, service, Endada, and Mock

Trial.

BR: What is the senior class's major goal for next year?

MP: To leave a strong and lasting legacy.

BR: In five years, what do you want people to say about the Class of 2013?

MP: They lived up to their potential.

BR: If you could choose one word to describe the Class of 2013's past five years, what would it be?

MP: Heterogeneous.

BR: How does it feel to lead the senior class into one final year?

MP: It's exciting more than anything else. I'm ready to watch these guys achieve at a high level.

BR: Favorite lunch day?

MP: Old Quesadilla day.

BR: Favorite movie of all time?

MP: "The Shawshank Redemption."



George Swenson
PRESIDENT OF THE HONOR COUNCIL

Bell Ringer: Who or what inspired you to run for this position?

George Swenson: It is my fifth year on the Honor Council. The reason that I ran was so I could become President of the Honor Council and continue to serve my class.

BR: What facet of your personality adds the most to your leadership ability?

GS: My ability to talk and relate to everyone is probably my best skill.

BR: What other extracurricular activities are you involved in?

GS: Associate Editor of the Bell Ringer, track team, and swimming.

BR: Since the Honor Council constitution was just revised last year, what will be the major goal of the Honor Council this year?

GS: The major goal is to clear up the student perception of the Honor Council. Too often students feel that the Honor Council is a police force out to get them. But because it is a student-run board, it actually acts in a helpful way.

BR: How will the Honor Council run differently under the new constitution?

GS: As far as running, it will be fairly similar. We took away the Treasurer

position and added the Sergeant at Arms. Also, there will be no co-Vice President. Other than that, it should remain the same.

BR: How much more difficult does the internet make enforcing Honor Council policy?

GS: It is by far the most used source of cheating because students can access the internet anywhere, and there is no way of enforcing it. This is when the student-run honor code becomes integral, but it is hard because it is student run.

BR: What has been the best thing about serving on the Honor Council for your entire MBA career?

GS: Helping the students to become better and helping them change. So often we really see students change their mentality to school and life after they've faltered. Just being part of a student's change.

BR: Favorite lunch day?

GS: Chicken pot pie.

BR: Coke or Pepsi?

GS: Coke.

BR: Favorite movie of all time?

GS: "Toy Story 3."



John Mellow
PRESIDENT OF THE SERVICE CLUB

Bell Ringer: Who or what inspired you to run for this position?

John Mellow: Junior year was a very meaningful year for me in terms of service. Through working for the Urban Debate League, Last Minute Toy Store, and other Service Club opportunities, I felt the difference I could make, so I decided to run.

BR: What facet of your personality adds the most to your leadership ability?

JM: I am organized enough to direct people, but I'm not overbearing. I can lead the Service Club effectively through example.

BR: What other extracurricular activities are you involved in?

JM: The Service Club will be the focus of my attention, but I'm also heavily involved in debate and the paper. Also, I'll be doing some Mock Trial here or there.

BR: Are there any major goals set for next year for the Service Club?

JM: I think one of the big things we're trying to do is get underclassmen involved. There is a ton of activity from seniors and juniors, but there is a drop off for

sophomores and freshmen. I will reach out to the underclassmen and give them an opportunity.

BR: Will any new projects be introduced?

JM: Definitely. Most of the time, Service Club activity is driven by individuals coming up to us with ideas. In addition to continuing all of the projects from this year, we are always open to new ideas.

BR: Do you think students are involved in enough service?

JM: I'm not criticizing, but as a whole, probably not. The upperclassmen do a great job with leadership. The main problem is that Service Club needs to do a better job of reaching out to younger students.

BR: How do you plan on increasing participation?

JM: We're going to try to get a Service Club sponsored in the junior school and are going to be more active with email and the opportunities Gmail affords to us.

BR: Favorite movie of all time?

JM: "Dr. Strangelove."

Interviews conducted by Sam Weien,
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doubleparody

Five seniors spoof a spoof of pop hit “Call Me Maybe” and get a little taste of internet fame.

By McLean Hudson
co-News Editor

About the time seniors receive word of their acceptance into the school of their choice, the infamous senior slide begins. While some make use of computer games and social media to fill their time, one group of students found an equally unproductive but much more creative outlet.

For those unfamiliar with the pop music scene, a song entitled “Call Me Maybe” by Carly Rae Jepsen came out earlier this year, and quickly became popular due to its upbeat tempo and catchy lyrics. Naturally, spoofs were generated immediately and endlessly, one of the better known examples being the video made by Harvard’s baseball team.

Faced with a period devoid of homework to complete and tests to study for, MBA seniors Will Narramore (’12), Aaron Simonis (’12), Carter Hach (’12), Jake McDonald (’12) and Jack Beckner (’12) became one of the first groups to spoof the Harvard baseball team’s cover.

The video opens on a dejected-looking Carter, who is quickly joined by Will Narramore. After a chorus of lip syncing and a little choreography, Aaron and Jake come in for the second verse. When the four slide off camera, Jack Beckner comes in for a close-up solo, with

the entire group finishing off with a dance to the chorus.

The video, once uploaded to YouTube, reached over ten thousand views, receiving both praise and criticism. Naturally, MBA students had mixed reactions. While many did not seem to understand that the video was made as a joke and felt that it reflected poorly on MBA, the majority found it entertaining.

Said junior Aidan McSharry, “Maybe it’s because I know the guys in the video, but I thought it was a lot better than the Harvard one.”

Carter Hach was surprised by the reaction to the video. “I never expected it to make it past our friends. It’s cool that it’s gotten as big as it has, but we really just made it because we were bored.”

Whether or not the intention was there, this group of seniors has set a new bar in senior sliding and general procrastination. Many students are already talking of trying to top the video’s view count with their own original productions next year. Said Will Narramore: “Bring it.”

When the acceptance letters come rolling our way next year, it should be fun to see what manner of spoofs and covers will come from MBA students, and maybe, just maybe, we will not make total fools of ourselves in the process.

Call Me Maybe - MBA Swag Style Cover

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I showed this video to my whole class they loved it. lol :)

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10K AND COUNTING: The video, a “Swag Style” cover of Carly Rae Jepsen’s pop hit, was posted on May 21 as a response to a more popular spoof by the Harvard baseball team. Since then it has accumulated over 10,000 views and received numerous comments.

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Remember that time when John Mark and D.P. made us all copies of that really important study packet? The material was a bit lacking, but mostly shocking once we found out what it really was.

Remember that time when Cayce Ortale asked to borrow our notes every day for the last 720 school days (we counted). Also, remember when Palmer Campbell called the whole class every day to explain a topic that we all understood? Those were good times.

Remember when Augie Houghton had a bowl cut?

Remember when Matt Anderson wasn't ripped? Unfortunately we don't either.

Remember that time when Grant Altschuler wore Vandy apparel? Neither do we.

Remember that time when Myles Anderson made small talk? It was so engaging!

Remember that time when Aaron Ardisson wore khaki pants? It was hot.

Remember that time when Joe Barry played football but then realized he liked theatre better? Good choice.

Remember that time when Brad Bars was at MBA? Apparently he has a brother in our class!

Remember that time when Decoursey Beach didn't try? Apparently your GPA can change a full 2 points if you are insanely smart.

Remember that time when Jack Beckner dated Kate Barnes?

Remember that time when Weston Bell wasn't talking about academia? We don't recall that either.

Remember that time when Daniel Bellet was fat? He was HUGE.

Remember that time when John Mark Bellet was on time for English? Blake Burns doesn't.

Remember that time when Henry Beveridge was Stockton's brother?

Remember that time when Austin Blackwell caught that football? That was literally every day.

Remember that time when Scott Blackwell rolled in with his beat-up white minivan? There was candy in there.

Remember that time when Jamie Bradshaw ate 12 McGangbangs?

Remember that time when John Bradshaw tried to eat 12 McGangbangs?

Remember that time when Paul Brazil didn't support a third party candidate?

Remember that time when Wills Brooks killed that raccoon with a trident? You might want to lay low for a while or find some relatives close by. Or stay with your date.

Remember that time when you saw Timothy Bulso on campus and you thought, "Who's that new kid?"

Remember that time when Blake Burns got Pepto Bismol for his word diarrhea?

Remember that time when Clay Cauble had straight hair?

Remember that time when William Check...yeah we all remember that.

Remember that time when Zach Chen emailed Dr. Boyd about bowel movements?

Remember that time when Ryland Close's nickname was 'the catfish'?

Remember that time when Adam Cornett rode to school on a wave the first day of class?

Remember that time when Gray Curtis got into MIT? What the heck!?

Remember that time when Matthew Davidson hid those underwear in his grandmother's drawer? Scott does!

Remember that time when Barton Davies wrote those songs with that band...in that garage...at that time...with those dudes?

Remember that time when Will Davies wondered what would happen in the assassin game after a student was dismissed? Mr. Womack does.

Remember that time when you saw Maclin Davis on campus and thought, how is HE an athlete!? And then you realized he will absolutely get free Subway for life?

Remember that time when Austin Doeblor wasn't called AD?

Remember that time when we all had a crush on Rob Edward's girlfriend...and we all still do?

Remember that time when John Elam was fussy?

Remember that time when Harris Elledge was fat?

Remember that time when Preston Evans had the coolest mom ever?

Remember that time when Noah Fardon got a surprise in the mail from Scott and David? You're welcome.

Remember that time when Thomas Forcum asked a relevant question?

Remember that time when Robert Forcum shook his head in regards to Thomas Forcum's actions?

Remember that time when Andrew Fortugno was mean? He was really good at it.

Remember that time when Connor Gawaluck got stitches? And his 'sclade was dented?

Remember that time when Greylon Gawaluck wasn't called Gandolf by everyone?

Remember that time when Kyle Gray had his name said normally by someone in our class?

Remember that time when Nathaniel Greene built his own car? We're still impressed.

Remember that time when Blair Griffith wore a plain polo? It didn't happen.

Remember that time when Carter Hach became sensitive and started writing poetry?

Remember that time when Alex Hagar was fat? (See Harris Elledge).

Remember that time when you drove by MBA at midnight and Mattison Hamilton was still working out?

Remember that time when Kelly Haselton threatened to kill all of us?

Remember that time when Adam Hawiger voted for President BUSH?

Remember that time when Drew Haynes wasn't a shrew?

Remember that time when Adam Hobbs did that tangerine sale? They tasted SOOO good!!

Remember that time when Trent Holbrook was the best bowler on the bowling team?

Remember that time when Jim Hollahan bro'd out with Logan Standard?

Remember that time when Hayden Holliman was going to Boulder?

Remember that time when Rett Hooper had two girlfriends at once?

Remember that time when Robert Hoover didn't use hair gel?

Remember that time when David Howard dunked? Take that, Ensworth. And yes, we will let you shoot as many free throws as you would like for that.

Remember that time when Vaughn Hunt was longboarding?

Remember that time when Gray Jones was with his native

llamas? Go back!!

Remember that time when Jamie Joyce dated Alexandra Arteaga just to become friends with David Arteaga? It worked.

Remember that time when Jason Katseff made it out alive. We love you, bro.

Remember that time when James Kay ate Cayce Ortale's headphones in Mr. Tillman's class? His comment: They were crunchy.

Remember that time when Alex Kohls stole third base (wink)?

Remember that time when Michael Kosson's last name was interesting slang in Hebrew?

Remember that time when Warren Lipscomb wasn't playing guitar to woo all the ladies? Gray Jones does.

Remember that time when Will Logan preferred to be called Willard?

Remember that time when Daniel Mace was most commonly identified with "The Danwhal?"

Remember that time when Ross Martin had the coolest nickname in Mr. Tillman's class?

Remember that time when Sam Martin drove a pick-up truck with country music blaring out of the windows letting out his rebel yell? That's ten years from now.

Remember that time when JMAC asked if there were any fish fillets back at the house?

Remember that time when Jake McDonald did that weird dance on that Youtube video?

Remember that time when Chris Meluch wouldn't stop yelling "AMERICA!" at the top of his lungs? Dr. Boyd does.

Remember that time when Conry Miler was a bro? Yeah, he still is.

Remember that time when John Mitchell claimed 'Mitchell Mondays' didn't exist? They do.

Remember that time when Roe Moore had that idea to do that choreographed dance? We all do.

Remember that time when John Morphis got utterly harassed for the color of his skin? He stopped wearing sunscreen and it still didn't work.

Remember that time when Kevin Murphy wore that diaper and it was somehow okay for him to do that but not for us to wear jorts? You're still crazy, Kevin.

Remember that time when Will Narramore...too much to say here.

Remember that time when Cayce Ortale talked in that voice? Welcome to South Park.

Remember that time when Bryan Oslin tried way too hard? He will be doing that until he retires.

Remember that time when Eric Owings put that brownie where he wasn't supposed to?

Remember that time when Preston Palm was endeared to and cherished by Commander Carr? Speechless.

Remember that time when Will Peffen got the most coveted award the Harpeth Hall senior house could offer?

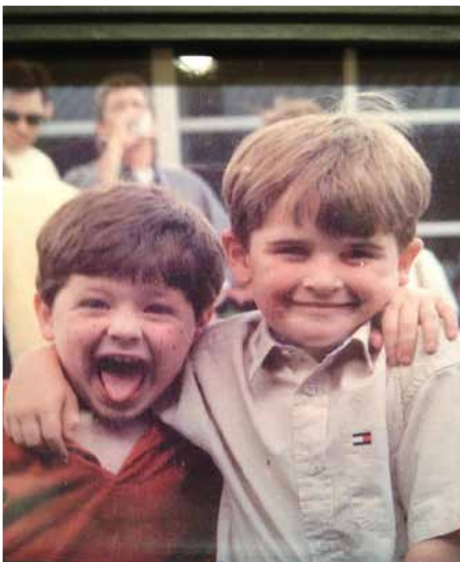
Remember that time when Daniel Peters made a reference that wasn't from a movie or Leroy Jenkins? We can't either.

Remember that time when Anderson Rader did that thing...that one time...when he talked to you?

Remember that time when William Reames thought he was the best looking guy at MBA? That was every day.

Remember that time when Jonathan Reilly had to do all of those poems because the school found out that he was awesome four years too late? We're sorry Jonathan.

The passage of time may make us forget the details of the Class of 2012's time on the Hill. So here's an attempt to chronicle six years of triumphs, laughs and friendships.



Remember that time when Dobbs Richards was going to college? You made it, buddy!!
Remember that time when Henry Richardson was a Pokémon? That started in 7th grade.
Remember that time when Alex Rotker wanted to join the Israeli army? Do it. Your stories at the reunions would be so B.A.
Remember that time when Karthik Sastry was found studying?

Remember that time when Brandon Sauermann made those jokes? He is still sensitive about that.
Remember that time when Joe Scherrer built that lightning machine? He is still our cousin.
Remember that time when Aaron Simonis was more man than all of us and sifted through more personal criticism by inappropriate adults than most Hollywood stars? Who's laughing now? We love you, bro.

Remember that time when Hoke Smith did that really wacky face with a strange voice?
Remember that time when Marshall Sorenson came back? We're glad you did, buddy.
Remember that time when Logan Standard got in Jay Milam's bed? TAKE THAT JAY!

Remember that time when Will Stewart did that thing in a world ravaged by _____ and the only solace was _____. (the unintelligent/jujubes)
Remember that time when Nathan Stinson got incredibly motivated?

Remember that time when Clay Sullivan had that bald spot? We miss it but like your hair now, too.
Remember that time when Will Sullivan spoke up in class?

Remember that time when Baker Swain metamorphosed into a giant panda?
Remember that time when Winn Van Cleave was a silent assassin?

Remember that time when Eric Walsh opened his freshman speech with "My fellow Americans... just kidding?"

Remember that time when Hugh Wells did all of that stuff? Well played.

Remember that time when Jack Whitson gave that Founder's Day speech? It was pretty good!
Remember that time when Edward Wilson lost his microphone privileges? Saddest day of our careers.

Remember that time when Huntre Woolwine sang that song at the Father-Son? Legendary.
Remember that time when Harry Woosley went to Harris Teeter for lunch?

Remember that time when Jhamall Wright was the best dressed in the senior class?
Remember that time when Connor Yakushi fell asleep?

Remember that time when Tanner Yancy scored that goal and tripped? Best hockey memory ever.



Leaving the Hill

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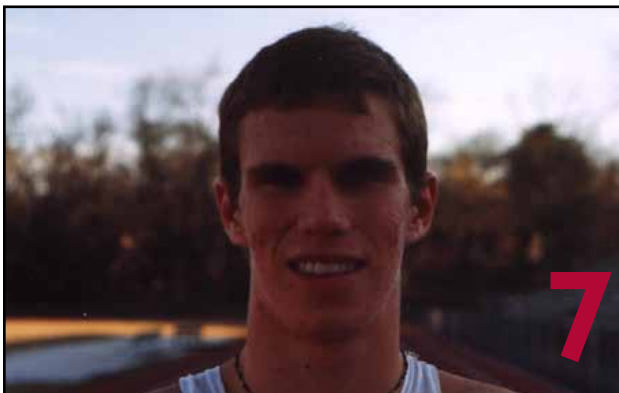
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Twelve for '12

In honor of the graduating class, The Bell Ringer picks a dozen MBA athletes from the last 15 years who have left indelible impacts on their sports and the school.

By George Swenson
Sports Editor

12. Clay Adams ('11)

"A natural athlete who understood the game at a high level," according to Coach John Harvey, Clay was a two-time All-American. His early high school success led him to be awarded with a scholarship to play at Syracuse, one of the top lacrosse programs in the country. "When you match his natural ability with his work ethic, he could be the best lacrosse player to play at MBA," said Coach Harvey.

11. Holden Mobley ('10)

A dynamic athlete on the football field and basketball court, Holden "always rose to the occasion," in the words of head coach Kevin Anglin, and was the team captain for the 2010 state title team. Holden is currently playing at Belmont where he will be looked towards greatly as he enters his junior season.

10. Dave Farrell ('99)

Dave started on both sides of the ball and often played through injury. Coach Brown recalls an incident where "Dave was pulling for the running back and not only only blocked the cornerback but 'flat-backed' him!" His inability to be stopped at the line defensively is what made him such a force and component of the 1998 state championship team.

9. Christian Waddey ('08)

A true three-sport athlete (football, wrestling, and track) Christian Waddey found success in all three of his sports. As a senior he was the starting running back for the 2007 state champion team and rushed for over 1,000 yards. He also currently holds the school and state record for pole vault with a jump of 15'9" and was a vital member of 4x200m relay.

8. Michael Fisher ('04)

Michael started at quarterback for 3 years (2001-2003) and proved to be a crucial part of the back-to-back state titles in '02 and '03. Coach Brown recalls Michael passing

for 246 yards and 302 yards in these respective title games. The fact that he had great receivers in Tom Santi and Brad French also helped greatly.

7. David Dean ('99)

Arguably the most decorated runner in the school's history, David won the state cross country title his senior year in addition to winning state titles in the 800m, 1600m, and 3200m in track. All this success was after runner-up finishes his junior year. He currently holds the school record for the 800m with a time of 1:55.7 and is a member of the school record 4x800 team.

6. Curtis Lovelace ('08)

Coming out of high school, Curtis was the number one breastroker in the nation. He holds the school record in the 200IM and the 100 Breaststroke in addition to the state record in the 100 Breaststroke. His success earned him a scholarship to swim at Stanford University during which he won the US Open in the 200m Breaststroke. This year Curtis will be competing for a spot on the U.S. Olympic Team.

5. Scott Denbo ('99)

According to Coach Robert Pruitt, "Scott was the most explosive athlete I have ever coached. Although he was often undersized compared to other 'putters, his technique and acceleration more than made up for it." During his senior year, Scott threw an outstanding 67 feet. Since then no one has ever thrown past 60 feet. Scott holds the state and school records, and Coach Pruitt feels that these records could stand for a long time. After graduating from MBA, Scott won the Junior Pan-Am Games and went on to throw at Princeton for four years.

4. Maclin Davis ('12)

A product of this year's graduating class, Maclin has achieved unprecedented success in the pool. Being an integral part of the first two MBA state champion teams in 2010 and 2012, Maclin achieved numerous individual state titles and was named the Swimmer of the Year for the state meet in 2011 and 2012. His most acclaimed success is setting the national high school record in the 100m butterfly. Said head swimming coach Michael Dobbs,

"Maclin possesses and demonstrates great power, strength and speed in the water which all allow him separate himself from the rest." Next year, Maclin will be swimming at USC where his success will surely continue.

3. Brandt Snedeker ('99)

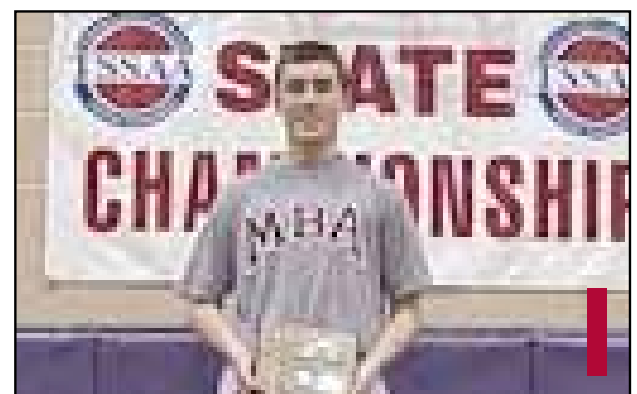
An individual state title winner as a senior, Brandt has been the most successful professional athlete from MBA. After graduating in 2003 from Vanderbilt, he soon turned pro. After gaining his tour card, Brandt was named Rookie of the Year in 2007. In addition to three tour wins, Brandt gained much recognition from his 3rd place at the Masters in 2008. He currently ranks 26th in the World Golf Rankings.

2. Ingle Martin ('01)

Known by Coach Brown "as the quarterback who put MBA Football on the national radar," Ingle was the driving force behind MBA's three consecutive state titles ranging from 1998 to 2000. His ability to lead allowed the team to achieve 32 consecutive wins and be nationally ranked by the USA Today for back to back seasons. Coach Brown recalls Ingle's versatility as what set him apart from others: "The fact that he kicked a 50+ game winning field goal against McCallie only goes to show how much of a playmaker he was." Ingle was highly recruited and played at Florida for two years before settling in at Furman University where he was able to set numerous school records.

1. Philip Simpson ('01)

Throughout his four years on the Hill, Philip compiled over 100 wins and only 1 loss. He won state titles at various weight classes as a freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior in addition to making it to the finals of the high school national championships each of his four years. His success, however, does not stop after graduating in 2001. While at Army, Philip was a three-time college All-American, earning him the honor of having his singlet retired into the West Point Hall of Fame. After serving one year in Afghanistan, Philip began to train at the Olympic Training Center and has competed for national team. This past February, Philip's training paid off as he won gold in the Pan American games in the 66kg weight class.





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CHAMPS: The entire team celebrates after receiving the state championship trophy. With five of six starters returning, next year could possibly be even more successful.

Tennis team defeats rivals MUS to claim third consecutive title

>> FROM TENNIS, 1

confidence going into state because we had already beaten Baylor, MUS and McCallie in dual matches this season, and we ended the year playing some of our best tennis." With extra pressure from the previous two years, the team was still able to accomplish their goal of a three-peat. Karpos also added, "The state tournament was just as competitive as it's been in the past, which is why it was so satisfying to win."

Next year looks even brighter for MBA Tennis with five of six starters returning: rising Seniors Andrew Karpos, Andrew Graham, Aaron Jumonville, and

Mark Lowe, and rising Juniors Kalyan Chadavalavada and Fred Harwell. According to Coach Boysen, "If we make the improvements I know we are capable of making in the next eleven months then we will be a very hard team to beat at State next year."

The team hopes to equal the standard set by McCallie, which won a historic four-peat from 2006-2009.

MBA's major competition next year will include MUS, Baylor and McCallie. Through their skills and leadership, a generation of Big Red tennis players will attempt to retain the state title for their entire careers.

senior spotlight

Three graduating athletes look back on their experiences with the Big Red

Daniel Bellet

Daniel has been a starter on the wrestling team for five years. This past year, he was team captain and placed third in his weight class in the state

By John Tully

Bell Ringer: What do you see as your greatest achievement in athletics in your time at MBA?

Daniel Bellet: Probably placing at state five times in a row in wrestling. Not specifically what I placed, because I will always wish I could have done better, but rather what those placements represent. I am so proud to say that I stuck with the toughest sport out of all of them, especially here at MBA where the coaches not only prepare you for the top competition but rather for life. I am proudest to say that I was an MBA varsity wrestler for five years and shared in that great tradition.

BR: What will you miss the most about moving on from your high school careers?

DB: I will miss the people. My friends, of course, as we all go our separate ways. Leaving a group of such amazing people where you all feel like brothers is going to be tough. I will also miss the amazing faculty here as they have always been incredibly effective in their teaching, coaching, and general advice for tough situations. The people here really embrace you the moment you walk onto campus and they won't let go.

BR: How did your participation in athletics help to make your MBA experience better?

DB: I found such great discipline in wrestling and track that the quality of work was way higher at times that I was under physical stress compared to times when I was in the off season. In addition, when you are expected to represent MBA on the athletic field...or mat in the best way, you

can put in perspective what is important and what is harmful to you in your high school experience and stay accountable to your coaches and peers.

BR: What are some memorable practices or competitions that will always resonate with you?

DB: I will always remember piling in a bus to go down to Chattanooga to wrestle or watch the state tournament for wrestling at UTC. Walking into an arena that big to compete always gave me the chills. I will never forget lifting in the MBA workout room with the quote on the back wall with Daniel Todd ('10) and my brothers. I will never forget the countless wrestling practices where we quite literally made a massive indoor slip-and-slide on the wrestling mats with our sweat (what Coach Simpson calls "chicken grease")

as we worked hard. Practicing harder than anyone else in the state and going to the highest competitions during our seasons, there are countless memories experiencing it all with great friends and mentors.

BR: Is there any advice that you have for the players taking your spots as the new leaders of the team?

DB: The best advice I could give would be to stick with it. Stay committed to leadership. Whatever I have become or any other seniors have become is all because of those that came before us, pushing us as underclassmen and inspiring us through leadership and hard work...You hear this a lot I'm sure but once you're done and it's your last practice or your last home match or whatever, you will wish you had it back.

Will Narramore

This year, Will has placed 2nd in the prestigious Great 8 at Vanderbilt and 2nd at the Buster Relays in the triple jump. He will continue to jump at High Point University starting this fall.

By George Swenson

Bell Ringer: What has been the highlight of your sports career?

Will Narramore: The highlight of my sports career was competing in the triple jump at the Junior Olympics during the summer before my senior year.

BR: What will you miss most about MBA athletics?

WN: The bonds you make with your teammates are unrivaled. Competing and pushing each other to the next level really forge relationships that will last a lifetime

BR: What are your plans after MBA?

WN: Next year I will be attending High Point University where I will run for the track team.

BR: Can you describe the entire athletic college process?

WN: It was much more difficult than I expected. Finding the perfect balance between school and athletics was the hardest part. In the end, I feel that I made the correct decision.

BR: What coaches would you like to thank, and what will you remember about your MBA experience?

WN: I would like to thank all my track coaches, especially Coach Pippin and Coach Pruitt. I could not have made it without them.

Jamie Bradshaw

Jamie has been a starting member on MBA's offensive line the past two years. This fall he will head to Cornell University to continue his career at the collegiate level.

By John Tully

Bell Ringer: What do you see as your greatest achievement in athletics in your time at MBA?

Jamie Bradshaw: My commitment to play D1 college football at Cornell.

BR: What will you miss the most about moving on from your high school careers?

JB: I'll miss going into competition with all my friends here at MBA.

BR: How did your participation in athletics help to make your MBA experience better?

JB: I got to become much closer with my classmates and made more friendships

through the hard work that we all went through each day during the summer workouts.

BR: What are some memorable practices or competitions that will always resonate with you?

JB: My most memorable moment has to be the 8th grade HVAC semifinal basketball game against BA.

BR: Is there any advice that you have for the players taking your spots as the new leaders of the team?

JB: The most important thing is to compete hard every day and leave it all out on the field.



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THE BIG ONE: Since 2007, football games between MBA and Ensworth have been among the most fiercely contested in the region. The unmatched level of fan intensity at an Ensworth game today (right) would have, in years prior, been reserved for contests against Father Ryan, Brentwood Academy and other more traditional rivals.

That one team we have to beat...

A history of the Big Red's greatest rivalries

By Jody Gorham
Staff Writer

There is always that one opponent that a team feels they have to beat. No matter what happens, it has to beat that particular team. The kind of rivalry that makes every athlete and fan hold the mentality that "if that school has a team in my sport, we will win" is only present in high school sports, in which the families know one another but don't necessarily like one another. From the early years of MBA athletics to just last season, MBA always has had that one team to beat at all costs, regardless of the sport.

Back in the old days (before the 1990's) Father Ryan High School was that school to beat. It as the only other private school in MBA's division, consisting of mostly public schools at the time. When asked the question, "Who was that team to beat while you were on the Hill?" MBA faculty member Mike Anderson ('93) instantly responded, "Father Ryan." Being the other only private school in the division, each school was fighting for bragging rights." Robert Holland, class of 1978 and a three-sport athlete, answered in a similar fashion as he also commented on

the intensity of the competition.

Matt Gorham, graduating in 1978 from Father Ryan, made clear that on the athletic field, these two schools hated each other, regardless of the sport. The MBA-Father Ryan rivalry goes as far back as the two schools themselves, but by the beginning of the 90's another school came into the picture.

In 1995, Brentwood Academy rose into contention as they knocked out MBA in the semi-finals of the state tournament in football, eventually winning state. In '96, BA defeated MBA in the state quarterfinals in double overtime and went on to win the state championship for the second year in a row. These meetings sparked what would be a seven or eight year heated rivalry between the two schools.

Although Father Ryan won the football title in 1997, the football rivalry seemed to die down. The only facet of the rivalry that seems to be still present is the 17 consecutive wins over Ryan. Robert Ammorel ('97) found MBA's biggest rival to be BA. Although there was still hatred to be shared with Ryan, he said, BA was the team MBA had to beat. The rivalry peaked when two met again in the finals in 2000, when MBA won 8-7. MBA and BA would

meet a few more times down the road, but the rivalry would soon be replaced by a school just down the street.

Opening in 2004 with only a freshman class, Ensworth High School made its way onto the map. By 2007, Ensworth was playing in the same division as MBA. In their first meeting, MBA won 14-0. In 2008, Ensworth won 41 to 28 which served as a wake-up call for the Big Red. The next year, Ensworth dominated MBA during the regular season, but MBA pulled out a playoff win to upset the Tigers. The Big Red have yet to beat EHS in football since.

Basketball began to emerge as a fan favorite around 2009 when MBA defeated EHS in the semi-finals of the state tournament. This rivalry has taken precedence over Father Ryan and Brentwood Academy in the past years and does not look like it is slowing down.

A possible reason that this rivalry is so intense is the family aspect. There are plenty of families where the children went to Ensworth Middle school and move on to go to MBA. There are also families where the kids split, one to MBA and one to Ensworth. With this family aspect integrated into the rivalry, the intensity

increases. Proximity proves a factor as well since most of the students know each other. This causes a heated battle on the playing field and major bragging rights off it.

Seniors Henry Beveridge ('12) and Aaron Simonis ('12) both agreed that Ensworth is the number one rival for MBA at the moment. The basketball aspect of the rivalry has taken precedence over the football in the most recent years, as the students exchange chants and the town comes to fill up the gym. The confined, close and hostile atmosphere only adds to the intensity.

But the hatred-filled rivalries are what make playing and viewing so exciting. The desire to defeat another team every chance it gets and the bragging rights that come with it brings the intensity into the game. People come to watch these games because the atmosphere is so outstanding. Whether it be students chanting across the court, parents of the players hiding their face behind their hands, fans watching the Big Red stop Ensworth on fourth and short, or fans enduring a gut-wrenching loss, these rivalries will remain with us and be the subject of many "glory days" stories down the road.

Water polo poised to become newest team sport on the Hill

By Andrew Karpos
Staff Sports Writer

Although water polo is a sport seldom mentioned in this part of the country, it could become MBA's newest athletic team in the near future.

Spearheading the effort to add water polo to MBA's wide variety of athletics is varsity swim coach Michael Dobbs.

When asked how this whole idea came into being, Coach Dobbs explained: "Water polo was voted and accepted as a sport at the winter meeting held by TISCA (Tennessee Interscholastic Swim Coaches

Association)."

USA Water Polo will help the TISCA set up the league and funds will be made available to any schools wishing to participate. The TISCA is looking to get as many schools onboard as possible before the inaugural season begins next school year.

The intention is to begin the season the week after the swimming state championships (mid February) and have it go on for two months, culminating in some sort of year-end state championship.

The state championship would be held in deep water pools such as the ones

I think [starting a water polo team] is a great idea...it could keep some boys in the water longer, which will help their swimming the following year

—Head coach Michael Dobbs

at the Sportsplex or the University of Tennessee. However, water polo can also be played in shallow water pools, so the JCC is a possible practice facility.

After meeting with Athletic Director Scott O'Neal to discuss this program, Coach Dobbs is very enthusiastic about

the possibility of a water polo team, stating, "I think it is a great idea and gives MBA another sport to allow students to participate in. I like it because it could keep some boys in the water longer, which will help their swimming the following year."



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Bonnaroo sticks to classic formula, has something for everyone

By Lucas Littlejohn
Staff Writer

The formula for success that the people under the hood at Bonnaroo have crafted will be tested again this June. The Manchester, Tennessee music festival will likely prove for the eleventh year that this formula is wildly successful.

Something about the combination of sun, sweat, live music, death due to sun poisoning/dehydration/claustrophobia, green grass, innumerable hordes of ill-clad men and women and everything in between, food trucks, Thom Yorke, mustache competitions, silent discos, activities involving something having to do with a giant dangling uvula and catapulting (probably fake) babies at old people, art exhibitions, Aziz Ansari, recycling competitions, rednecks, organized activists, the "40 Foot Big Ass Water Slide," morning yoga and everything else that gives Bonnaroo its flair just has to make you smile.

This year, Bonnaroo intends not only to match its past success but also to create

a new and unique experience for festival goers. The top of the music lineup for 2012 features an eclectic selection of all kinds of music industry giants, including Radiohead, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Phish, the Beach Boys (you read that right), Bon Iver, the Shins, Skrillex, the Roots and Black Star.

I will give you a taste of the groups I'm psyched to see and those I'm psyched to miss.

Psyched to See

Little Dragon. This Swedish electro-jazz-alternative-chill group can't be described by conventional music genres. They will be a blast to see. What will make the show memorable will be the beautiful singing of Yukimi and her stage presence.

The Beach Boys. I honestly have no idea what to expect out of these music giants, but I'm excited. I'm expecting one of two things: multiple rounds of Botox taken by band members throughout the show, or something having to do with dentures and a bad back.

Santigold. Bonnaroo is the perfect fit for acts like Santigold. Happy and upbeat dance-rock that will really get a crowd moving.

Bon Iver. This is what Mr. Moxley was talking about during all that Transcendentalism stuff. Justin Vernon's angelic voice will be the highlight of my weekend. He better get the heck off stage after he finishes. If not, I will find him, hug him, and not let go. Ever. He's that good.

Flying Lotus. I've never seen him live before, and I'm intrigued at how well he will be able to put on a show due to the incredible complexity and layering of his electronic masterpieces.

GZA Performing "Liquid Swords." When I saw this, I honestly did a double take. The GZA? AtQ Bonnaroo?! Performing one of the best rap albums of all time??? At 2:30 in the morning???

Two Door Cinema Club. These guys also fit in perfectly at Bonnaroo - they seem to

have a perfect music festival sound. Their energy will get the crowd moving as well.

Radiohead. Thom Yorke. That's it.

Psyched to Not See

Mac Miller. Sorry, fanboys.

Alice Cooper. The whole spiked top hat thing just doesn't do much for me.

Ludacris. I'm looking to have a good time at Bonnaroo 2012, and I feel like his show will be the opposite of that.

Yuna. This is the very last artist on a list of 150, the obscure of the obscure, so I probably won't be seeing her show. If you go to MBA, and you are an avid Yuna fan...then congratulations (I guess?).

All in all, Bonnaroo has something for absolutely anyone and everyone. Being such a massively successful event, Bonnaroo will undoubtedly be a weekend to remember for the nearly hundred thousand in attendance.

Lolla 2012 strikes right balance of solid headliners, up-and-comers

By Chris Hooks
Staff Writer

After our "dirtier" brothers and sisters finish their party down in Manchester, the summer music festivals move northward to Chicago at the end of the summer. Although the accommodations are nicer (camping in the park is off limits), the fun in Chicago's Grant park rivals that of Bonnaroo's every year. The Lollapalooza music festival is entering its 16th year in a fantastic fashion. The lineup is packed with old favorites as well as up-and-comers from all genres and sub-genres under the hot summer sun.

The headliners this year are as big as ever, with Red Hot Chili Peppers, The Black Keys and Black Sabbath gracing

the main stage, just to name a few. Franz Ferdinand is returning, as well as Passion Pit, who are releasing a new album soon.

Other big names to check out are Nashville native Jack White, Florence + the Machine and indie favorites The Shins.

One of the biggest draws of Lolla every year is the lesser known and up-and-coming groups. While I don't claim to be a big underground music aficionado, I can recommend a few bands for those of you with a little extra time to kill between big bands. For those who like Edward Sharpe, I would recommend Of Monsters and Men. They have similar styles, with male and female vocal harmonies, a prominent horn section, and folk-influenced songs.

Another act to check out is Alabama

Shakes, the band that accompanied Jack White on his most recent tour.

What Up, English frontman Noah Fardon says he's excited about Bombay Bicycle Club, a dance-rock band similar to his own band. Others to check out are The Head & the Heart, The Gaslight Anthem, and Toro Y Moi.

Electronic music has made its way into the popular scene recently, so the amount of house, electro, and dubstep artists at Lolla is no surprise. The big names this year are Avicii, famous for his track "Levels," Kaskadee and French duo Justice. Others to give a listen include dubstep pioneers Skream & Benga, Nero, Doctor P, and Porter Robinson, one of the greatest producers/DJ's in the world. For

those who prefer synthesized music but want to avoid the raves, you definitely have to check out Miike Snow and Metric.

This year's Lollapalooza promises to be just as much of a party as ever, and music fans from all over the world are sure to venture to Chicago to enjoy the feast of music in Grant Park. While Lolla may not have historical heavy-hitters like The Beach Boys, Lollapalooza has a potentially better lineup than Bonnaroo.

So if you have to choose, avoid the mud and filth of camping in Manchester and trek on up to Chicago to enjoy the music and party at the very end of the summer.

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Sophomores become Juniors, everyone else very frightened

By Wells Hamilton
and Harrison Davies
Staff Writers

The end of the year has been tough for the sophomore class. Quizzes and test kept coming at a steady stream up until the doorstep of exams. The exams themselves were one hearty reminder of unpreparedness after another, with reactions ranging from utter shock to pleasant acceptance. To offset this unpleasantness, the writers of the class news section have decided to start awards night early with a long list of unrelated and well deserved awards. With no further ado, we proudly present the winners of the 2011-2012 achievement awards.

Truck of the year award/ Twitter MVP Award: **Grey Reames**. "Caesar was an honorable man award": **Cal Fisher**. Nick Cage Appreciation Award: **Don Trogdon**. Lost in Translation Award/ Most Transformative Haircut Award: **Russell Carpenter**. Reddit Karma King Award: **Ben Chen**. Netflix Lifetime Achievement Award: **Tejas Reddy**. Perfect Attendance Award: **Luke Cochran**. Most Improved Public Speaking Award: **Alex Bars**. Leadership Award: **Keon Cleary**. General Fraternity Award: **Wilson Vaughn**. Friend Zone Valedictorian: **Ben Yahnian**. Liberal Achievement Award: **Garret Miller**. Number Guy Award: **Coleman Kelly**. Outdoorsmanship Award: **Stroud McMahan**. Rite of Passage Award: **Coleman Sorenson**. Head Band Aficionado Award: **Chris Burrus**. Relationship



SO LONG, ALGEBRA! These Sophomores say goodbye to their math class as they move on to become upperclassmen. Oh how foolish they are, not knowing what horrors will befall them next fall!

Longevity Award: **Sam Harwell**. Lax and Chill Award: **Davis Lovvorn**

This section of the awards is devoted to looking back, to evaluating the past and celebrating its glory. We commend those who were able to procure the coveted and prestigious Bell Ringer Awards and hope they continue this high level of achievement. Now it is time to look to the future as an old school year slips away, and we embrace the interim period before a new one begins.

Scott Dalton Ambition Award: **Brandon Carpenter**. Future CEO's Business Award: **Clay Whitson**. Future

Security Guards of America Pension Fund Award: **Will Singer**. Future Side "BurnBeautification" Award: **Drew Benson**. Head Band Aficionado Award: **Chris Burrus**. Dane Cook's Future Humorist Foundation Honorable Mention Award: **Ben Shankle**.

We also figured we'd take this time to thank all of our most newsworthy individuals for their contributions to Sophomore News. **Grey Reames**, you've been fantastic, a constant source of inspiration for quality non-fiction reporting. **Nick Boney**, you've always been there for us when the going got tough. Your mere

existence and many zany identities gave us the desire to keep reporting. **Don Trogdon**. There's never enough to say about him. He always wants the entire room to share in his fortune. **Bill Johnson**, we couldn't have done it without you. Keep on keeping on, whoever you're with. Honorable Mention Newsworthy Achievement Awards go to **Jonathan Barringer**, **DJ Mott** and **Stroud McMahan**.

We hope you enjoyed the news as much as we enjoyed writing it. Have a great summer, see you all in three months.

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John Mark Bellet Be Undecided on His College Major
Henry Beveridge Never Leave High School
Austin Blackwell Get It Right Get it Tight
Scott Blackwell Be a Hoarder
Jamie Bradshaw Coin a New McGangBang
John Bradshaw Get a Perm
Paul Brazil Talk to You About His Cheese
Wills Brooks Inflict Pain on Terrorists
Timothy Bulso Win at German Spotlight
Blake Burns Crack the Barrel
Palmer Campbell Rap with Ocean Jones under the Assumed Name “Stanky P”
Clay Cauble Have a Throat Beard
William Cheek Protect His Siblings
Zach Chen Send Strange Emails to Dr. Boyd (and love something...you know)
Ryland Close Pole Vault for Acceptance
Adam Cornett Have a Collection of Rolling Luggage
Gray Curtis Never Go Outside in College
Scott Dalton Host the Oscars
Matthew Davidson Not Pick on Somebody His Own Size
Barton Davies Get the Most Attention from Females in College
Maclin Davis Skip the Olympic Medal Presentation for a Concert
Austin Doeblor Golf...a Lot.
Rob Edwards Always Be In Love with Lilly Carver (As we All Are)
John Elam Sing to Appease His Girlfriend
Harris Elledge Undergo a Drastic Transformation in College
Preston Evans Live off of Playing Music
Noah Fardon Write for “Rolling Stone”
Robert Forcum Break Ties with Thomas Forcum Upon Entering College
Thomas Forcum Spend 10 Years at College (But Forget Where it Is)
Andrew Fortugno Play Professional Polo
Connor Gawaluck Double Fist Cigars at Graduation
Grewlon Gawaluck Play Super Smash Bros. into His Late Thirties
Kyle Gray Find a Quarter on the Ground
Nathaniel Greene Wear a Mink Coat
Blair Griffith Start His Own Clothing Line
Carter Hach Be the Spokesperson for Animal Cruelty on Commercials
Alex Hagar Become a Dirty Comedian
Mattison Hamilton Wear Lax Pennies and Mid-Calves at His Wedding
Kelly Haselton Become a Right-Wing Politician in His Later Years
Adam Hawiger Learn a Useless Language
Drew Haynes Wake Up Fat One Day
Adam Hobbs Attend Lollapalooza and Bonaroo for the Next 45 Years
Trent Holbrook Be Looking For a New Roommate
Jim Hollahan Befriend Your Grandparents

Hayden Holliman Major in Skiing, Minor in Babes
Rett Hooper Go to The St. Louis Zoo EVERY DAY
Robert Hoover Lax Professionally...At the Club Level
Augie Houghton Get A Scholarship for Being Native American
Vaughn Hunt Be the Guy In the Booth
Gray Jones Be a Republican Candidate for President
Jamie Joyce Win a Grammy
Jason Katseff Ride the Pine
James Kay Be Referred to as ‘Frank The Tank’ in College Despite His Name Being James
Alex Kohls Play Every Club Sport
Michael Kosson Most Likely to Start JAG in College
Warren Lipscomb Go Undergrad at Lipscomb, Grad School at Warren National University Just to Make His Resume That Much More Impressive
Willard Logan Play Mandolin on His Front Porch...Or Yours
Daniel Mace Go By His Middle Name In College
Ross Martin Major in Garden Utensils
Sam Martin Lead The “Rocky Top” Song At Every Home/Away Football Game
JMAC Be Known As “That Funny Orange-Looking Kid” In College
Jake McDonald Continue Wearing MBA State Championship Shirts from Teams He Wasn’t On
Chris Meluch Get Arrested for Punching A President
Conry Miler Domesticate a Cougar
John Mitchell Freak Out When He Realizes He Actually CAN Miss Every Monday in College!!
Roe Moore Join SAE
John Morphis Sunscreen
Kevin Murphy Wear A Diaper To Class
Will Narramore Be “the Graduate” This Summer
Cayce Ortale Wear His Letterman Jacket on the First Day of School
Bryan Oslin Quadruple Major
Eric Owings Be Kyle Mooney’s Right Hand Man
Preston Palm Major In “If I Were A Sailor”
Will Peffen Know the Most Girls in College
Daniel Peters Quote a Movie in Conversation
Anderson Rader Live With 5 Cats
William Reames Move to Malibu in Search Of Sun and Women
Jonathan Reilly Shock Everyone At The Reunion
Dobbs Richards Look Like the Lineman from *Remember The Titans*
Henry Richardson Hang Out With Dr. Kinch
Alex Rotker Join the Israeli Army
Karthik Sastry Make it Hail
Brandon Sauermann Bro Out With Herr Sawyer
Joe Scherrer Solve the Energy Crisis
Aaron Simonis Be Told He Is Attractive by Every Girl He Meets
Hoke Smith Do Something Really Obscure
Marshall Sorenson Love College Life
Logan Standard Major in Harry Potter Economics
Will Stewart Run Against Gray Jones as a Democratic Counterpart Just Because It’s Gray Jones
Nathan Stinson Become A Navy SEAL
Clay Sullivan Name His First Daughter Anne Samantha Sullivan (and Laugh About It)
Will Sullivan Play XBOX Live
Baker Swain Marry a Rich Girl
Winn Van Cleave Be Polite
Eric Walsh Clean Animal Feces and Enjoy His Job
Hugh Wells Re-join the Confederacy
Jack Whitson Be an Executive at Lacoste
Edward Wilson Go Bankrupt
Huntre Woolwine Win a Tony
Harry Woosley Ride a Unicorn
Jhamall Wright Be a Runway Model
Connor Yakushi Sleep Through Our Graduation
Tanner Yancy Marry a Supermodel

Juniors excited to be seniors, finally have made it

By McLean Hudson
co-News Editor

It seems that every year on our blessed hill goes by a little faster. This year, though, as most juniors will agree, could not have gone by quickly enough. Looking back on a year that included physics, many students' first run-ins with AP exams and all-time highs in pressure in all facets of school life, summer will be a welcome relief. It can't hurt, of course, to look back fondly on our last few months as juniors and the year as a whole. With that, I present to all those concerned, the junior news.

I'll start by congratulating those who excelled in the spring sports this year. **Jackson Flora**, along with his trusted hair band, of course, was near the top of the lacrosse team in goals and assists. **Furman Haynes**, who won "Most Versatile/Valuable" did very well in the state track meet, scoring in the decathlon and high jump.

Props also go to the 4x800 team, which won state and included juniors **Clint Smith** and **George Swenson** (special shout out to **Madison Rieke** who placed third in the open 800 and **David Arteaga** ('12) who was the anchor of the 4x800). It's also worth mentioning that many juniors played key roles on the baseball team, with **Will Cambell**, **Jody Gorham** and **Penn Murfee** leading off the top of the order. Though not school related, **Tate Ramsden** will be attempting to cut enough time this weekend to make the Olympic qualifiers

later in the summer.

Unrelated to anything in particular, **Madison Rieke** and **Mohammad Azamtarrhian** went down to the river to play. Also notable, **William Yang** made spaghetti for the first time. **Mattison Asher** hit a low at Rites of Spring, but it's OK because he has an effervescent laugh. **Brooks Best** has been experimenting with new ways to look cool while working out.

Grady "Shady" Bryant is going to miss arguing with Dr. D and any fallout that may ensue. **Vince Panvini** bailed on multiple service projects over the course of the year but has been forgiven. **Reed Cothron** has gone several months without one of his lungs collapsing, so that's pretty awesome. I've also been told that **Mark Lowe** has found his Chaucer Tales, marking an end to his stupor. **Jonathan Siktberg** doesn't know when he's going to sleep now that school is over.

Apparently our class (read: about 15 people) logged just over 55 hours playing Diplomacy this semester, but estimates reach as high as 100 hours if you factor in the time spent talking about it in between turns. **Robby Mills** now refuses to step out of his house without representing at least three colleges with his attire, and **Ryan Owen** unsuccessfully hacked the library computers.

Tom Bu's got sass and he plans to spend his summer practicing hiding behind things and scaring people, but until that phase begins he's content to eat thawed frozen fruit that's apparently different from fruit that has never been frozen or thawed.

Some students have reason to believe Mr. Lundgren is a communist.

Nick Green, who is reportedly very Semitic, is pretty psyched for Bonnaroo, but I personally wonder how he'll make it at a concert where he can't hit the skip button every twenty seconds. **Mark Lowe** and **Henry Lynch** will miss their Aryan wall, and **Jackson Flora** is looking forward to spending some quality time with SBax and the crew this summer.

The flamingoses' [sic] should watch their backs and know that **Jack Emerson** knows what a Grammy is. **Hunter Crabtree** is going to Chile and working as a life guard this summer and is, in general, not very helpful. **Landon Bullock** missed some clutch kicks already in spring practice so it should be a painful season on the special teams' side. Thankfully, we can all look forward to watching **Conner Griffin** "merk" all over everyone next year on the gridiron.

Tony Birdsong, according to Coach Sanders, looks like a Pop Tart. **Adam Bowman's** gonna do some science and, not realizing this ship has already sailed, memorize "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard" for extra credit in Mr. Kelly's class. **Sam Turner** and **Patrick Moody** will continue to build stuff with **Jake Simons'** older brother. There's a monster under **Nathan Fouts'** bed.

Now I'd like to play a guessing game. I'm going to give a couple highlights of one our peers, who has been curiously absent from the news this year, and you see if can guess who I'm talking about. Ready?

Milson, JAD, Pump it Up, Rites, New Year's Eve and every party in between. Oh and we mustn't forget the seven at Pretty Lights. Think you know? Keep it to yourself so he doesn't key my car.

Conner Griffin also would like to ask **Matthias** to send back schnitzels when he gets home and he would also like to wish **Frank Vest** good luck in reuniting with his friend, Maximillian, in Germany. **Andrew Karpos** reportedly plans to storm the shores of England and pillage to his heart's content. **BI Haynes** mentioned something about oil, ladies and being excited but I couldn't quite make it out.

Sam Waitt is looking forward to a very solid summer, and the junior class as a whole is excited for **John Wheeler's** return to the hill, even though he won't be a part of our class anymore. (I'll give someone a buck if they make fun of him for being younger than us.)

Sorry if the opening seemed a little formal this time around—I had to write for the elder audience that seems to be around a lot this time of the year. I'm counting on them getting tired of reading through this nonsense and stopping somewhere before now.

So congrats to all members of the junior class; it seems we built a pretty sweet wall. Have a good summer and do it your way, but don't get crazy. Drop it down, peace and blessings, stay thirsty—you know the drill.



(ABOVE) BRING IT, WORLD!: These rising seniors know that the school is theirs, and they are ready to take it by storm.

(BELOW) RONALDO, REVISITED: Hayden Deakins shines in action for the Big Red.



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One last backpage: a list of lists

**By Scott Dalton and
nd McKay Proctor**

Two Dudes, One Column

Before Scott leaves for the great Red North, we decided to frantically compile a list of the lists we would have done given the time and all our favorite ideas from those lists.

1. Top Starter Pokémon

1. Charmander
2. Squirtle
3. Totodile

2. Top Items to hand to Mr. Gioia in assembly without explanation

1. A bag of spaghetti sauce just like from the Spaghetti Supper video
2. Holy Grail
3. A voucher for one free microbe-punt (bonus points for gold leaf)

3. Top things to say while Kelly Hasleton ('12) sprints across campus

1. Run Charlie! And don't stop until you get home to Grampa Joe!
2. Faster Kelly! They're gaining!
3. And that day, for no particular reason, I decided to go for a little run. So I ran to the end of the road, but when I got there, I thought maybe I'd run to the end of town, but when I got there, I thought maybe I'd run across Greenbow County, and I figured since I'd run this far, might as well run across the great state of Alabama...

4. Best weapons for Mortal KoMBA

1. Wallabee rubber
2. Frozen chicken patties
3. Sharpened Microbe

5. Top Dr. Shackelford Shaq nicknames

1. The Shacktus

2. Shack-Fu

3. Hack-a-Shack

6. Best hypothetical speakers to open the Dead Poets Room

1. Charles Barkley
2. Montgomery Bell
3. Robin Williams (in character from Dead Poets Society)

7. Replacements for Dr. Neergaard's Christmas songs

1. "Study Hard, Grind Harder": MP live in concert
2. Barry Goldsmith doing high flying feats of daring
3. Mr. Moxley doing observational comedy

8. Best new buildings

1. Ryan Potter Memorial Paintball Arena
2. Tom Dodson Memorial Bar & Grill
3. Tom Kaiser Basketball and Waterfall Complex

9. Top Junior Superlatives

1. Most likely to drive a Willy's Jeep to school: Hayden Deakins
2. Most likely to get a sunburn in the shape of a V on his chest at Bonnaroo: Nick Green
3. Most likely to show up late for the end of the world: Mark Lowe

10. Top 2012 scenarios

1. Tanning bed mom takes in so much UV radiation she goes nuclear
2. Davidson White ('13) uses his home chemistry set to split an atom of weaponized plutonium while he is try to make water turn blue.
3. Two words: Pasta Riot

11. Top Summer bucket list items

1. Track down the ghost of Isaac Ball

animal that gave the school its mascot.)

2. Make a mashup of Mr. Gaither's aphorisms. (dubstep + Seneca = ????)

3. Camp out to be the first one into new Wallace, iPhone style

12. Best items for your trip to Long Mountain

1. Elephant Gun for fending off the locals
2. Beautiful woman (alternately, Jack Emerson ('13))
3. Ambient light

13. Slogans for the Harpeth Hall Class of 2013

1. World-ending Catastrophe in 20-1-3 (mascot: the Grim Reaper)
2. 20-1-Tré Fo (mascot: Partha Reddy ('11))
3. Time out for T in 20-1-3 (mascot: Tejas Reddy ('14))

14. Top places to lose your 7th grade buddy

1. At sea
2. In a snake pit
3. Mike Tyson's pigeon cages

15. Top ways we've mentioned Mila Kunis in this publication

1. Black Swain
2. Prom themes
3. This list

16. Top three future senior gifts

1. A parking garage on top of the soccer field on top of the parking garage
2. Ambient light
3. A bronze bust of Mark Lowe mid-stupor for the roundabout

17. Top Replacements for Byron

1. A leopard gecko spray painted red
2. Peaches the guinea pig
3. A Big Red (fictional

18. Top improvements to the Founder's Day race

1. Rabid lions chasing the racers
2. Jockeys
3. A wreath of roses that the winner must wear all day

19. Movies to replace the AP English Curriculum

1. "Midnight in Paris" (Actually worked for Scott)
2. "Shawn White Red Bull Project X Documentary"
3. "White Chicks"

20. Nicknames for Bill Compton

1. Jimmy Dean
2. Buffalo Bill
3. Billion Dolla Bill
4. ROFL-Compter

21. Timeless Senior Year Soundtracks

1. "Chumbawumba"
2. "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'"
3. DJ Assault..Nuff Said

22. Incredibly Distasteful Jokes

1. REMOVED
2. REMOVED
3. CENSORED

23. Colors of Scott Dalton's Wardrobe

1. Carolina Blue
2. MBA Red
3. Beauty

24. Things to say to people in an elevator

1. "I'm sure you're all wondering why I've assembled you here."
2. "It wasn't me."
3. "It was me."